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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hidekazu MORIYAMA

Group Art Unit: 1792

Application No.: 10/827,426

Examiner: W. FLETCHER

Filed: April 20, 2004

Docket No.: 119295

For: CLEANING METHOD, STORAGE METHOD, PATTERN FORMATION METHOD,
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD, ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE, AND
ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

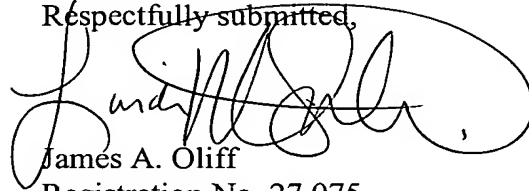
In reply to the November 28, 2008 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant submits herein a corrected version of the claims. The Notice of Non-Compliant asserts that the underlining prior to the last clause of claim 5 does not add any matter compared to the immediate prior version of the claim and is improper.

Applicant disagrees with the assertion that the underlining is improper because the underlining denotes an indentation signifying a new paragraph added to claim 5 by the July 21, 2008 Amendment. However, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants revise claim 5 to delete this underlining.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-5 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Oliff", is written over the typed name and registration number.

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